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SUBJECT:INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT - FIFTH ANNUAL REVIEW

1. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS PREPARING TO HOST FIFTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF US/USSR INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT DURING PERIOD 10-19 MAY. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO UTILIZE FACILITIES AT INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES AT FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR WORKING SESSIONS.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST ALUSNA TO INFORM SOVIET UVS COUNTERPARTS OF THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES - THAT THE FIFTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF INCIDENTS ON AND OVER THE HIGH SEAS BE CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PERIOD 10-19 MAY. THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES AS THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING:

A. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE
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NAVIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES DURING THE PERIOD MAY 76 THROUGH MAY 1977.

B. REVIEW OF THE USE BY BOTH NAVIES OF THE SPECIAL SIGNALS DEVELOPED FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.

C. DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR FIXED OPERATING

DISTANCES BETWEEN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT.

D.DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE AGREE-
MENT TO GOVERN THE APPROACH OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO CIVIL
AIRCRAFT.

E. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NAVY-TO-NAVY
COMMUNICATION CHANNEL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.

F. DATE AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT MEETING.

3.THE MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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COMMANDER EDWARD J. MELANSON, JR., USN
COMMANDER JOHN E. BURGESS, USN, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
COLONEL GEORGE V. WISH, USAF, INTERPRETER

4. THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THE SOVIET SIDE CONFIRM
THAT THE SUGGESTED MEETING DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE AND
SIGNIFY ANY ADDITIONS DESIRED FOR THE AGENDA - UNQUOTE.
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